

As the president of LavaNet, a local ISP in Hawaii, I object to relaxing of rules requiring ILECs to share their infrastructure to other entities. It was bad enough that FCC ruled against open access for cable, esp. since the ruling was to apparently to promote competition. Now the telephony side wants parity. Providing parity with the cable ruling just to be consistent is not good enough, and furthermore, two wrongs do not make a right.

There are plenty of unfair, unethical and illegal practices our ILEC, Verizon, is engaged in, when there are federal rules and state statutes that disallow ILECs from engaging in such behaviors. Lifting those laws will only help monopolistic practices to continue, limiting both the variety and the price range of Internet and telecom services the consumers will be offered.

ILECs have so far taken advantage of the fact that the customers/vendors they serve (ISPs, businesses, consumers) are too small and without the lobbying force to convince the FCC to make rulings to secure ILECs' own bottom line. We look to FCC to speak up for the rest of us, working hard to save jobs in the local communities.